

TO : Mr. Cary	DATE OF REQUEST
FROM : WPB	SUSPENSE DATE

SUBJECT:

H.R. 13547, Pressler's bill to amend Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act

NOTES

Attached is the Pressler bill, which I believe is the fall-out from his little scrap with Mr. Friedersdorf. It would require employees of agencies who attempt to influence legislation to register as lobbyists, etc. The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and Rules does not plan to take any action on this bill. Moreover, the Senate lobbying bill does not contain such a provision and I have checked with the House Judiciary Subcommittee which is in the process of developing the House lobbying bill, and they do not intend to include any such provision.

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94TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 13547

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 1976

Mr. PRESSLER introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the
Committees on Standards of Official Conduct and Rules

A BILL

To amend the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act to require officers and employees of departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States who attempt to influence legislation to register as lobbyists, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. (a) The first sentence of section 308 (a)
4 of the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act is amended by
5 inserting “, or who is an officer or employee within the
6 executive or judicial branch of the United States and who,
7 in his official capacity, attempts to influence the passage or
8 defeat of any legislation,” immediately before “shall, before
9 doing anything in furtherance of such object”.

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1 (b) The third sentence of section 308 (a) of the Fed-
2 eral Regulation of Lobbying Act is amended by striking out
3 "nor to any public official acting in his official capacity" and
4 inserting in lieu thereof the following: "nor to any public
5 official communicating to Congress or any Member thereof
6 at the request of any Member of Congress through the proper
7 official channels".

8 SEC. 2. (a) Section 1913 of title 18 of the United States
9 Code is repealed.

10 (b) The chapter analysis of chapter 93 of title 18 of the
11 United States Code relating to section 1913 is repealed.

12 SEC. 3. The Rules of the House of Representatives are
13 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new rule:

14 "RULE XLV.

15 "LOBBYING ADJACENT TO HALL OF THE HOUSE

16 "No person who is registered as a lobbyist under section
17 308 of the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act may speak
18 to any Member in any corridor or room adjacent to the Hall
19 of the House to influence such Member to favor or oppose
20 any bill or resolution pending before Congress."

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